AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(1) Please replace the paragraph fourth full paragraph at page 3, lines 15-16, with the following:

Yet another aspect of the invention relates to a data packet adapted to be transmitted between at least two processes, the data packet comprising. The data packet includes an interface component for entering desired system configuration information, the interface component providing an installation procedure based on dependency requirements for a plurality of application or service components.

(2) Please replace the seventh paragraph on page 4, lines 13-14, with the following:

Fig. 8 is a flow diagram illustrating a methodology for determining an installation procedure in accordance with the present invention[[;]].

(3) Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5 line 25 and ending on page 6, line 3, with the following:

The user interface 12 also may generate a data structure 20 based on the installation procedure 18. The data structure 20 stores information about which components are to be installed and where (e.g., which computer) such components are to be installed. The user interface may store the data structure information as a file. Prior to actual installation of the selected components, a user or an application associated with the installation/setup may transfer the file to the directory service. By way of example, the user interface 12 may write the file to a directory service (e.g. a distributed directory) of a network domain. After writing the filed to the directory service, the file may be deleted from memory.

(4) Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 26 and ending at page 9, line 3 with the following:

The COMPUTERGROUP object 102 includes one or more children group objects 106, 108, and 110, such as may be named "[Group Name] COMPUTERGROUP" of type computerGroup. By way of example, the "Group Name" may identify a first computer (*e.g.*, a server) within a group of computers. Each group object (*e.g.*, the Group1 object [[108]] 106), which identifies a corresponding group of computers, also may include a MISCDATA property 112 for storing selected information in connection with the group object, such as by mapping a Global Unique Identifier (GUID) to each item of string data provided.

(5) Please replace the first full paragraph at page 9, lines 4-11 with the following:

Under each group object (*e.g.*, the GROUP1 object 106), are one or more computer objects named COMPUTER1 114, COMPUTER2 116, and COMPUTER3 118 of type computerGroupComputer for identifying each computer (*e.g.*, server) in the group. For example, each computer object may be identified by the computer's respective name in a network domain. For purpose of brevity, only the computers associated with GROUP1 are illustrated in Fig. 3. It is to be appreciated that the other group objects 110, 112 108, 110 may be similarly configured, in accordance with an aspect of the present invention.

(6) Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 28 and ending at page 14, line 4 with the following:

In view of the foregoing, it shown it has been shown that the present invention facilitates installation of components onto one or more computers. In accordance with one particular aspect of the present invention, a planning system may be employed to facilitate installation of application of components onto one or more servers. It is to be understood and appreciated by those skilled in the art that the present invention is equally applicable to facilitate integration, installation, and/or management of other types of components, such as for non-server components and/or components for web-based services.